evolve a proper and fair tariff structure for telecom services;

(d) whether Government will invite suggestions from the public to evolve a proper system of price fixation; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of the reply for (a) above.

(c) BICP was once earlier consulted on this matter. Their recommendations which have been accepted are under implementation.

(d) We do not invite such suggestions. However, suggestions received from public, consumer groups and industry are taken into account before fixation of tariffs.

(e) The Telecom Tariffs are based not only on the costs of providing the services but also on other factors like cross-subsidisation in respect of concessions to the press, to the educational institutions and telecom services in rural areas etc.

Temporary Telephone Connections Sanctioned in Punjab

3661. SHRI GHUFRAM AZAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of temporary telephone connections sanctioned in Punjab Telecom Circle during the last one year, district-wise on medical or other grounds;

(b) what is the number of extension to temporary connection granted during this period;

(c) what is the number of recommendations received from Hon'ble M.P's for sanction/extension of temporary telephone connections during the last one year in Punjab Circle; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to issue directions to ensure that requests received from Hon'ble M.Ps in this regard are disposed of favourably in an expeditious manner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Sir, the number of temporary telephone connections sanctioned in Punjab Telecom Circle during the last one year as on 31-7-93 S.S.A. (Telecom district) wise on medical or other grounds is as under:

SSA (Telecom Distt)	No. of cases
(a) Amritsar	80
(b) Ludhiana	97
(c) Jalandhar	350
(d) Chandigarh	108
(e) Bhatinda	23
(f) Hoshiarpur	32
(g) Pathankot	15
(h) Sangrur	31
(i) Patiala	99
(j) Ferozepur	86
TOTAL	861

(b) The number of extension to temporary connections granted during this period is 790.

(c) The number of recommendations received from Hon'ble MPs for sanction/extension of temporary telephone connections during the last one year in Punjab Circle is 5.

(d) Request received from Hon'ble M.Ps in this regard are disposed of favourably in case of technically feasible cases, provided the request confirms to the revised guidelines issued for temporary telephone connections.

टेलिफोन संबंधी शिकायतों और टेलीफोन में आई खराबी के लिए टेलीफोन सं० 198 पर उपलब्ध सेवा का कार्यकरण

3662. श्री ईश दत्त यादव : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :